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		Assoc. St. Stanislaus (Mke)	1955	1957	
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CHRONOLGY OF REPORTS:

1990 – V/S contacted Archdiocese and Bp Sklba spoke with him (12/7/90). He relayed report of abuse by L at age 8 or 9 while at _____. Alleged abuse by his father as well. Bp. Sklba met with him and his mother (12/14/90). Report stated abuse began at age [redacted]nd continued until he left the orphanage at age 18 and even on occasion after that for a number of years. Offered assistance to V/S with [redacted]aid for treatment at St. Michael Hospital. L denied abuse and was told not contact with minors and was to be supervised by the pastor who was informed of situation. Contact with V/S by Bp Sklba reveals that he stopped his rehab and was moving to CITY (2/1/91); encouraged to continue in AA.

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1992 – Allegation in lawsuit against L; reported abuse began in 1961 at _____when he was 11 years old and continued until 1990; allegation denied (THIS IS CURRENT CASE – case was dismissed – no follow up for settlement at that time although Bp Sklba had authorized $20,000 for treatment – Note that is pre-dates Pritzlauf and Doe.)

1997 – After L's death, man accused him of sexual abuse for 35 years, starting as a minor

ACTIONS BY ARCHDIOCESE:

1990 – Confronted; denied; no contact with minors; pastor to supervise

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BACKGROUND ON CURRENT MEDIATION CASE:

His first approach (as far as I can tell) to the Archdiocese was through the mediation system. We do not have much information on him.

10/25 MSW [redacted] / [redacted] [redacted]

49 yr. old gentleman → St Francis /
Sexual relationship c priest since 15 years old
priest died 2013 weeks ago
local area priest

[redacted] - life [redacted]
family meeting on Monday -

mother [redacted]
in + out of orphanages as a young boy -
mother - [redacted] - him -
father → family issues father died
boys - across from St. Joe's orphanage

Elderly friendship

wants priest for confession -
outpt unit c Penn -

V. dependent man / V. dep. - his wife
victim mentality -

move in end next week / Tuesday -
5th North -
Psychiatric limit -
phone outside 5482 -
here to see [redacted]
Fr. Joe Bishoff -

[redacted]

10/28/96

[redacted]

11 or 12 St. Joseph's Orphanage
St. Florence -> good idea for (B) to be alter boy
I really wanted to be one

Parents had passed away all boys appr. 7
and three at St. Stanislaus -
had 2 at St. Hedwig's /
[redacted]
2 sisters stayed @ Holy Family
[redacted] - 3rd one - [redacted]
Went to Holy Rosary - in Polish area
four boys + (B) => St. Joseph's
had a hard time leaving sister
St. Casimir = very good at teaching
asked (B) one for breakfast / couple times
"I want to show you something special" - just
started to touch me, played with
had one time
after I couldn't say anything
[redacted] - once or twice
rooms - Kelly touched breast over shirt my head
I couldn't say anything. I don't know what to
do.

Always a small Mass for something / Innocents
four (Brown)
(RR) went shopping with him / Brown - stole all the toys
(B) -- went to Sr St Joseph with it he denied

My brothers was always my protector
left orphanage – at 18
went – c Rosemarkie until 18
Always tried to avoid him + the mass –
always same pattern / beaten + left to upstairs

transfer c [redacted]
freshman – I was pos in school –
athletics, everything
Jr → [redacted] showed interest me –
he was out of the house – pick up the salad
he told take me over to his parents'
one Fri. Led to another, he started to abuse
me –
I tried to get out of the rut, there
I tried him I didn't want to see him.

of the (R) Lord St. Jude – Answer to my brothers..
Sister-in-law May was v. good to me, a good friend
Last Summer, 18th b-day, on a Sunday
I was v active in Church / dances for Ch.
fundraiser
brother came to see me / [redacted]
had a good time [redacted] last time I saw [redacted]
alive, [redacted] went to live c my oldest brother.
4 days later, on oldest bro's wedding anniv,
we were driving on Forres, going to Lyit up –
[redacted]

& Cij. — Doctor penned him
H. was always Dear — N. cmorley

Apprenticeship - Find in fun testimonial value —
Cmbj -
worked as — cook -
in hot. pts — got dropped — went to
[redacted] to get off the drop -
"Dunsand Guild" - I don't a/c,
went into Re dutch a/c.
went into Security -
in [redacted] - black man was body behind
me & Re barrels / pulled me in, had knife in
his hand - forced me to have sex with him
I didn't know what to do
with Security / told him what had
happened
(B) went to Germany - had appeal for funds
Crowned by another gg - forced to have
sex with him
I started drinking more & & & sex &
not y in mid
hospitalized - DT's alcohol
exp discharge Appeal / left it
hard to get & made it finish apprenticeship

[redacted] 3 yrs. apprenticeship at JVS
F. helped me get a apt. - a little house all
by myself.
I had a roommate from the home -
another one from the home - he wanted to stay the
night, I agreed - fixed heroin into me
put Sudafrin
My roommate was smoking pot - I didn't allow it
in the house -
Kicked roommate out -
Then invited many - wanted to put them -
here
now, at 23, had some money from my
[redacted] state (3,000) I decided to
buy a rental home - F. helped me
out / gave me money for closing costs,
down payment always there for me
Self and contract continued all that time
I thought if I got married it would be diff.
I really knew it pure if I loved [redacted] - He
was only 14, I tried to resist her
She told me no - the money, I do not want "fuck
around -" decided to get married
[redacted]
F. honorable married them / [redacted]
[redacted]
I always confess in him all everything "

he was a father figure to me
after Bob was born! he kept [redacted] –
one very couple of months
tried to avoid him
something would come up → I called for it
he went to St Anne's – I asked a
lift for home – other stuff
I stayed overnight there (before marriage)
* school outfit
Sr's doctor & known; Sr's N. grandchild
me at St. Anne's S. Florence
Jumped away by late 80's
me
[redacted]
Other boys N. admiration of her seriously
She would let him out at night – I said
stop up waiting for him
I don't mind you dancing

Other boy Neil – had drinks pub → went to A&R
two –
[redacted] , kids, (B) → Slid off road, went through
the wall to fence, into field
in.
↳ he quit

(Mum – in hospital – OK'd for schizophrenia)

[redacted] → always tried to fighting at orphanage ...
went to stop him / he tried
her he told Father Ken if he ever tried again

after awhile I was just numb to it (sexual abuse)
it was wrong — I told Fr to confess it
— to him — [redacted]

he would say it was alright — God forgives you —
I believed it

I sent to forgive him — I'm hurt — but yet
I am relieved that he died

went up until his 2nd Surgery —
1982-83 went to Blessed Sacrament —, helped me with Mass /
paid tuition
S — Robert J. — had a lot of problems —
→ a playground — got in a fight with
me for the kids / with a playground → said it was
RJ — fault — scolded by Sr. for the kid so
much trouble in school —
Psychologists / transferred to another Cath. S.
— Fr. to public School
beat up by black kids at Stokes
now 19 — after Fr. left & went to
Jamaica, Conceptn. A., we went up there —
I don't want my son to stay there — [redacted]

thought it was a good idea.

Robert Jr. stayed here for a week — 8 or 9 at the time

Then he left

[redacted] in his
→ came out he was sexually abused by
[redacted] brother —

I was upset → (B) went to (L) — did you talk
him in any way (L) denied
(B) — I wanted to kill him
(I have my doubts now)

[redacted] that — we're not doing too well —
Jeremy now

(L) he made [redacted] executor of his will
(L)'s sisters didn't get along Rec. of mother's will

promised God that if (L) lived one he had his
surgery, would not do it anymore —
pulled through — lay 3 months in the hospital
went to the hosp. every day — for him

moved to Meyer Hall, (L) approached me one day
When I came to see him — had porn
mags → showing them to (B) —
always
(at first — he had some type (writers)
left and went at Meyer Hall
I really started feeling guilty.
he got more sick / remember I broke by promise to
God

always here financially as Dennis
I always paid his taxes
(L) → said he was going to leave me something – his estate
after he passed away – 2 sisters came

[redacted] (L) was there during the battle – wanted a me –

after he died, [redacted] – [redacted] – bills had to be paid
I had his address changed to mine
IRS – back taxes
I couldn't find any money
his [redacted] came into town –
I & Dennis found papers from the Archdiocese – showing sexual abuse –
I drove him to WI Club to meet [redacted]
(depositions → (B) saw them)
My wife knows it –
[redacted] she's angry @ Dennis / wants nothing to do with him

" I came in on wrong shift – (VA hospital as well)
'knew I was going to get a test later – "
couldn't deal @ work / also worked with at bakery at night – helps pay for my meds –
moved to Oak Creek

[redacted] ... quit / (B) [redacted]
[redacted] wrote [redacted] a letter, left it on the table, told her I was going home with my parents

going to cemetery, was going to visit my

[redacted] went to cemetery, laid down on the graves, cleaned the graves, around the stones

~~in 3rd Std~~

in Army Reserves also; took empty pictures from there -

F. would help me plan the holiday meals etc. for the reserve.

3rd Order pr. Jesus -> [redacted] - buried in [redacted]

also - was a Shelter - No sheets etc - ETOH in Epileptic

re (B) Community Servi went to F. I want to do something for him

F. helped him (B) out -> stayed at (B) -

(B) got bro. a dishwashing job at Sukanin's -

one night They picked up after work - dropped it - glass tops - broke -

F. helped (B) put him in the Pond -

after the Pond, (B) cooked + have him lunch at me -

Before I was married / duty [redacted]
Jer went to Hotel Fitters →
(B) - at Summe camp i Reserves -
- Dog - in mess hall → got phone call
to in phone → Jer is dead, fell for Re
window of Re hotel -
went to Church - fell down Re carpet in
Re Ch. / just cried
Commanders came + got me -
to - met me at Re airport -
had to go to Hotel Fathers to request a suit
of burial
Jer. → in 30's

(B) → cemetery - laid down / looked up at Re
sky - just take me, God -

Br. Bill came to Re cemetery - / we talked a bit, /
went back to Re house,

[redacted] came + got me - She drove me
back in my car → you have to see somebody
you either go in + I'll commit you
all I did Part of was my mothers -
Dr's words / I decide it can't happened.

always had warning first Dreams - (L) for Part
abor

I never liked it, I never wanted to do it.
I tried to avoid it —
I told mum myself not to it
I never told real self, even Tryp he wanted me
to sev. times. I couldn't put it in my
mind — Gay & paid any
he wanted Jesper real sex — (B)

St Anne's — Muskego Ave — most of
money left There —
(B) — played B. Nicholas There — left (B) his
watch, cape etc.
3 keys — Other Tryp —
beneficiaries of annuities —
2 phones at Cousins Castle — (B) —
not There —

money being transferred by Western Union to
Somewhere —

[redacted] is dead —
brain aneurysm — died —
Couple of years ago —
J. (L) made No arrangements
was gay, had no money
all at at Cemetery —
called (L) to ask for money —

Circuit Court

Former altar boy alleges sex abuse

41-year-old man says contact began at an orphanage in the 1960s

By MICHAEL R. ZAHN
of The Journal staff

A 41-year-old Pulaski man has filed a lawsuit against a 63-year-old Milwaukee priest, claiming that the priest sexually abused him while he was an altar boy in an orphanage here in the 1960s and that their sexual relationship ended only a couple of years ago.

The Pulaski man's attorneys identify their client only by the pseudonym Roger Roe.

The priest said Monday that the allegations were not true. "My gosh, I don't have any information about this at all," he said.

The Milwaukee Archdiocese and its charitable arm, Catholic Social Services, are also named as defendants. The Circuit Court suit claims they "knew or should reasonably have known" of the priest's alleged conduct.

Greg Bell, spokesman for the archdiocese, said Monday that the archdiocese had not yet been served with the legal papers, and that he therefore could not comment on the lawsuit.

The suit, which does not seek a specific amount for damages, was brought by Jeffrey R. Anderson, a lawyer from St. Paul, Minn., who specializes in sexual exploitation lawsuits against clergy, and by Milwaukee attorney Don C. Prachthauser.

It says the plaintiff and his siblings were placed in an orphanage here when he was 10 years old and that he stayed at the orphanage until 1968, when he turned 18. The priest began having sexual contacts with the plaintiff in 1961, when the boy was 11, the lawsuit claims.

The priest and the plaintiff continued to have sexual contact until two years ago, the suit alleges. At that time, it says, the plaintiff came to the conclusion that the relationship had caused him psychological harm.

Prachthauser said the plaintiff "has held a number of part-time jobs over the years, but he has not had steady employment."

Confidential

October 9, 1991

Monsignor Joe Springob came to see me today about a problem presented to him about Eldred Lesniewski. Several weeks ago he attended the funeral of a [redacted] had been a resident of St. Joseph's home on the South Side when Eldred had been chaplain there. Monsignor thought it had to be in the late 50's or early 60's. [redacted] left there when of age to go to work in [redacted] From the way Monsignor talked I judged that [redacted] life was not a happy one and that he [redacted] At the time he was at St. Joseph's Home, his sister [redacted] was at St. Rose's where Monsignor knew her. Monsignor met the sister again at [redacted] not having been in touch with her for many years. She appeared very angry and insisted that her brother [redacted] had been sexually abused by Father Eldred when he had been a resident in the home. (Monsignor said that once an acusation had been made about Eldred about another boy from Racine but that it had been thrown out by the judge for lack of evidence.) [redacted] mentioned to Monsignor that her only concern was that Father Eldred not have access to boys where he is living and working and that she needs some assurance to that effect.

[redacted]

June 1, 1953

The Rev. Eldred Lesniewski,
[redacted]
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Reverend dear Father:

You are hereby appointed Assistant to the Rev. Joseph Lomasz, Pastor of St. Stanislaus Church, Racine, Wisconsin.

This appointment is effective immediately and you are directed to take up your duties at St. Stanislaus Parish not later than Friday, June 12th, 1953.

Wishing you every blessing, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee,
Administrator sede vacante.

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ADOM017141

August 4, 1955

The Reverend Eldred Lesniewski,
[redacted]
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Father Lesniewski,

This letter is to inform you that I am transferring you to a new assignment.

You are herewith appointed assistant at St. Stanislaus Parish, Milwaukee, and to the faculty of Notre Dame High School attached to the parish.

You will kindly report to the pastor, the Right Reverend Monsignor Kobelinski, on Wednesday, August 17, on which date this appointment becomes effective.

Thanking you for the fine work which you have done in Racine, and wishing you God's blessing in your new appointment, I remain

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Milwaukee

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ADOM017145

June 6, 1957

The Rev. Eldred Lesniewski
[redacted]
Milwaukee 4, Wisconsin

Dear Father Lesniewski:

This letter is to inform you that I am transferring you from your present assignment as assistant at St. Stanislaus Parish, and appointing you assistant at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Milwaukee, effective Friday, June 21, on which date you will kindly report to your new pastor.

Wishing you God's blessing, I remain

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Milwaukee

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"ECCE ANCILLA DOMINI"

Sisters of Christian Doctrine
Madonna House
173 Cherry Street
New York 2, N. Y.

BA 7-3644

October 7, 195?

Most Reverend Archbishop:

Enclosed is my tuition bill for the first semester.

I am very well situated here by now, with the good Sisters making my quarters here very comfortable. My field work placement is at the Kennedy Home in the Bronx, where I work three days a week as a student social worker. This is part of the training program, combining two days of theoretical class study with three days of field experience.

Assuring you of my prayers as you prepare to leave us,

I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Eldred A. Lecienka

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ADOM017150

June 21, 1960

The Rev. Eldred Lesniewski
[redacted]
Milwaukee 15, Wisconsin

Dear Father Lesniewski:

By this letter I officially appoint you Chaplain at St. Joseph's Home for Children, Milwaukee, and assign you to the Catholic Social Welfare Bureau. This appointment is effective Thursday, July 7, 1960, on which date you are asked to report.

With the warmest of personal regards and wishing you God's choicest blessings in your new field of endeavor, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Milwaukee

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January 16, 1961

The Rev. Eldred Lesniewski
[redacted]
Milwaukee 15, Wisconsin

Dear Father Lesniewski:

Your interest in our Catholic Family Life Program has prompted Father Donald Weber's recommendation that you be officially assigned to the Program's Staff of Speakers. I am in hearty accord, confident that you will be an asset in the promotion of worthy ideals in family relations.

Please accept this letter as one of appointment and as an expression of my prayerful appreciation for your expressed willingness to serve in the above-mentioned capacity.

With the warmest of personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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ADOM017157

August 27, 1968

The Reverend Donald Reiff
1500 South 29th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53215

Dear Father Reiff:

One more request difficult of fulfillment.

The enclosed letter relieves Father Lesniewski of his duties at St. Joseph's Home at anytime we so decide. But as I indicated in my enclosed reply to Sister Alvernia, I think she is making a somewhat unusual and a slightly unreasonable petition.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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October 4, 1968

The Reverend Eldred B Lesniewski
Chaplain, St. Joseph Home for Children
[redacted]
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53215

Dear Father Lesniewski:

This letter is to inform you that I herewith transfer you from your present position as Chaplain at St. Joseph Home for Children, Milwaukee, and appoint you Chaplain at St. Ann Rest Home, Milwaukee. The effective date of your appointment is to be determined by Sister Alvernia and yourself.

With the warmest of personal regards and wishing you God's choicest blessings in your new field of endeavor, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins
Archbishop of Milwaukee

October 21-1968

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bcc Priests' Personnel Board
Father Sampon

July 8, 1980

Rev. Eldrad B. Lesniewski
[redacted]
Milwaukee, WI 53204

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Dear Father Lesniewski:

After consulting the Personnel Board and with the concurrence of Archbishop Weakland, I herewith transfer you from your present position as Executive Director of District Offices of Catholic Social Services, and officially appoint you Pastor of Blessed Sacrament, Milwaukee effective July 22, 1980.

Before this date you are asked to make the Profession of Faith at the Chancery Office as is required by Canon Law for newly appointed pastors.

Father John Litzau has agreed to be your pastoral advisor during the next year. Would you kindly meet with him on at least a monthly basis to discuss parish matters and experiences. This will be helpful to you as you begin to serve the people of Blessed Sacrament Parish.

It affords me great pleasure to make this appointment, and I assure you that my prayers are joined with yours as we ask God to bless your labors in this new field.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

(Rev.) Joseph A. Janicki
Vicar for Priest Personnel

JAJ/srs

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June 8, 1986

The Reverand Eldred B. Lesniewski ✓
Blessed Sacrament Parish
[redacted]
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53215

Dear Father Lesniewski:

It is with great pleasure that I ask you to become the Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Juneau. Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board, I am happy to entrust the faithful of that parish to your pastoral care beginning on July 1, 1986. This appointment is being made for a period of time up to six years, after which time it will be reviewed for possible renewal.

As representative of the Archbishop in that parish, you are called upon to serve the needs of God's people so that they can take their rightful place as baptized Catholics in their own Faith-community and in society. Your mission, like my own, is one of teaching and sanctifying, and also of administrating the parish, together with the Parish Council and those organizations designated to collaborate with you.

It is a privilege to share my ministry with you. May God's blessings fill your life.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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APR 13 1990

April 9, 1990

The Reverend Eldred B. Lesniewski
St. Ann Home
[redacted]
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204

Dear Eldred,

I understand perfectly well your need and desire to resign as pastor of Immaculate Conception parish in Juneau. I notice that you wish the effective date to be May 10th. With this letter I accept your resignation.

I hope this gives you a bit more time for your recuperation now and also the sense that there is no urgency. Take good care of yourself so that you will be able to assume a new assignment when you are healthy.

May God bless you, Eldred, and thanks for all the good things that you have done in your priesthood.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

+ Rembert G. Weakland

Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee

CC: Co-Vicars for Priest Personnel
Priests' Personnel Board
✓Chancery

[redacted]

Milwaukee WI 53204

April 4, 1990

Most Reverend Archbishop,

For reasons of health, I hereby formally request that I be permitted to resign as Director of Immaculate Conception parish in Jackson, Wis. as of ~~April 30, 1990~~. May 10, 1990.

My assignment in this parish has been a source of joy and satisfaction. Although I feel that I am on the way to complete recovery, the up-and-down reality of my health status has posed a problem in future planning for the parish.

I do look forward to receiving another assignment as pastor or associate pastor which will enable me to work within the limits of my current health situation.

With grateful regards for your prayers, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Edward B. Lesniewski

Father Lesniewski called in on April 5th and asked that the date be changed from April 30th to May 10th.
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June 1, 1992

The Reverend Eldred B. Lesniewski
[redacted]
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53215

Dear Eldred,

Thank you for your recent letter requesting permanent retirement for health reasons. With this letter I formally accept your request.

I am sure when you look down through the many years you served in the diocese and especially in Catholic Social Services, you can see so much that you have accomplished. I hope God will continue to bless you in your life and keep you close to him during these years of retirement. It is good to see that you will be retiring to Meyer Hall.

Many blessings.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

+ Rembert G. Weakland

Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee

CC: Bishop Sklba
Vicar for Clergy Personnel
Priests' Personnel Board
Priests' Pension Board
St. Michael's Priest Fund
Chancery

[redacted]
Milwaukee, WI 53215

May 27, 1992

The Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland
3501 South Lake Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912

Most Reverend Archbishop,

At the suggestion Of Bishop Sk ba, and after conversation with Father Venne, Iam requesting permanent retirement for health reasons.

I am planning to have residence at Meyer Hall, and I have filed an application for retirement and pension Benefits with Father Venne's office. At the present time I feel able to continue to be available for parish help-out.

Respectfully yours,

Eldred B. Lesniewski

Rev. Eldred B. Lesniewski

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ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

June 21, 1995

Reverend Eldred Lesniewski
Meyer Hall - Apt. 103
[redacted]
St. Francis, Wisconsin 53235

Dear Fr. Eldred,

I am responding to your letter of early June. I am sorry that my letter came without previous discussion, but it was necessary for me to act quickly and consistently for the good of all.

It is so important, Eldred, that you observe the restrictions *as stated in my letter*. *I do not want to make exceptions*, especially for Polish Fest, the Notre Dame High School Mass, and the other ministries you outlined. Every time you appear in public this way at the altar, Eldred, you risk stirring up people who have brought allegations. The network of such victims is enormous and very aggressive. You risk much unfortunate bad publicity against yourself, the priesthood, and the diocese.

I hope you can understand that such risks should not be taken. Peace.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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Department of Clergy Personnel

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June 16, 1993

Reverend Eldred Lesniewski
[redacted]
St. Francis, WI 53235

Dear Eldred,

I had an opportunity to speak with Bishop Sklba before he left for the Spring Bishops' Meeting. It was his understanding also that when we spoke with you on October 30, that you would not have parish Masses. Perhaps in our speaking specifically about St. Alexander's this was not made clear, and I apologize for the confusion. Our policy is that when there are public lawsuits pending, the priest would not do public Masses except with permission for special circumstances.

I know these are difficult times for you, and I certainly do not want to add to the situation. Your helping at the Convent and occasionally at the Nursing Home would be appropriate. Our policy is not to judge whether the allegations are true or false, but to be sensitive to all parties. We certainly hope and pray for justice in regards to these allegations.

Please let me know if there is any way I can ever help. You are in my prayers.

Sincerely,

Tom

Reverend R. Thomas Venne
Vicar for Clergy Personnel

RTV/sks

September 13, 1983

Rev. Eldred B. Lesniewski
Blessed Sacrament Church
[redacted]
Milwaukee, WI 53215



Dear Eldred:

Before too much times elapses I thought it would be good to commit to writing what we discussed on July 7, 1983 concerning a number of topics including the need for an additional priest at Blessed Sacrament Parish.



I guess my first concern is for you and for your health especially. Some of our fellow priests have also expressed this same concern and feel that you are obviously overweight and probably experiencing blood pressure problems. There has undoubtedly been a great deal of stress and tension over the last three years resulting from your transition from Catholic Social Services to the routine of a large parish. The Archbishop and I want you to let us know if Blessed Sacrament is too much for you to handle reasonably. It would be much wiser to be in a less stressful assignment than to burn yourself out. You know that you and we have a moral obligation to consider this and act on it if necessary.



In our meeting we also discussed your administrative actions at the parish. From a financial standpoint you admitted that you neglected to obtain from the Archbishop the proxies which are necessary to expend amounts that exceed $1,500.00 for extraordinary matters. This is a matter of both ecclesiastical and civil law and lets you open to serious criticism. We cannot support you in this area unless you cooperate and all it takes is one irate parishioner of trustee and you could face a lot of embarrassment. I asked you to write to the Arhhbishop about these matters so that proxies can be issued, even retroactively. I do not believe either the Archbishop or Bishop Brust has heard from you yet.



From the standpoint of administrative organization and consultation, evidently, a parish council has not yet been started. Frankly, this surprises me because I remember so well before you were assigned how you stated that establishing a parish council and working with one would pose absolutely no problem since you were accustomed to working with several boards and councils at CSS. I had expected that the parish council would have been your first project at Blessed Sacrament. Recently, when Father Roscioli left the parish, some of the parishioners expressed

strong feelings about the lack of a parish council and the Renew Program in which they could participate. You will recall that at our meeting I told you Archbishop Weakland had decided that you were not to undertake any projects until a council is formed.

When we discussed the possibility of another associate, Father Lijewski's opinion was that it would be disastrous if a priest were appointed and then would leave in a manner similar to the last two. Tom felt that the parishioners would never stand for that, and consequently, no one should be assigned. I feel Tom is absolutely right; however, given the size of the parish and its outstanding people, the parish should receive another priest. Besides, if a parish council is established according to diocesan criteria and the Renew Program begun, there will be a much greater need for the services of another priest to help enable the laity to assume their rightful role in the parish.

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The question which remained as the meeting ended was how to go about the process of finding an associate.pastor. This is a bad time of the year since the spring assignments have been made and most priests have been situatédd If we open list the assignment and no one applies, the parishioners will feel badly and maybe even angry. I told you that I would discuss the matter with the Personnel Board and suggest that perhaps one of the priests awaiting assignment might be interested and willing. I also suggested that you and Tom feel free to ask priests of your choosing to apply. To date, no one has applied and the Personnel Board feels that we need to see more action on your part especially by way of establishing a parish council before the position is open listed.

Basically, that is my recall from my notes of our meeting which, I felt, was a good one and evidenced excellent cooperation on your part. All of us now need to get busy and work together so that good things can happen. I stand ready and willing to continue to discuss these matters. First, however, I ask you again to straighten out the proxy matters. Secondly, I would hope that you contact the Parish Council Office for advice in setting up a timeline for the proper implementation of a parish council. Finally, you have my assurance that I will do everything possible to see to it that another priest is assigned to the parish when attention is given to the above matters.

I am thanking you in advance for your collaboration.

Fraternally in Christ,

Reverend Joseph A. Janicki
Vicar for Priest Personnel

JAJ/srs
cc Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland, OSB
Bishop Leo J. Brust
Rev. Thomas F. Lijewski
Rev. Eugene C. Neuman, Priests' Personnel Board

bcc Rev. Michael T. Newman and Parish Council Office

June 11, 1958

The Rev. Eldred Lesniewski
[redacted]
Milwaukee 15, Wisconsin

Dear Father Lesniewski:

Pursuant to our conversation of last week this letter is to inform you that I wish you to pursue special studies in the Social Sciences at the Catholic University of America. Accordingly you may make the proper inquiries for registration and other formalities that will be necessary.

It is understood of course that you will continue in your present capacity as assistant at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish until such time as I am able to replace you there later on in the summer.

With every best wish and blessing, I remain

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Albert G. Meyer
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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ST. JOSEPH ORPHAN ASYLUM

NOTE NEW NAME
ST. JOSEPH'S HOME FOR CHILDREN
3249 SOUTH 18TH STREET
MILWAUKEE 15, WIS.

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June 4, 1959

Most Rev. William E. Cousins
2000 West Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee 3, Wisconsin

Your Excellency,

It appears that our Chaplain, Rev. A. Wisniewski, will be recuperating from his nervous condition for a long time. We are becoming worried because Rev. M.Adamski is planning to move to his new Church in a month or sooner and that means we will not have a Chaplain to offer Mass or give spiritual assistance to the hundred children and Staff.

Upon our request for three months Rev. Lawrence Kelly, a Jesuit, had weekly sermonettes and even Benediction, but his new assignment will not permit him to come during the summer months.

We humbly ask Your Excellency to consider our need and if possible, to send a priest from some seminary to commute daily to offer Mass and Benediction at least once a week.,

Your servant,

Sister M. Athanasia
Administrator.

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RED FEATHER SERVICE

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Blind Copy: Fr. Eugene Winkler
Mrs. [redacted]



June 9, 1987

The Reverend Eldred B. Lesniewski
Immaculate Conception Church
[redacted]
Juneau, Wisconsin 53039

Dear Father Lesniewski,

District Moderators in our Council of Catholic Women are among the most important factors in the Council's success. Having been assured of your willingness so to serve, I am appointing you as Moderator of District 12, Dodge County, MACCW, effective immediately.

With warm personal regards and assuring you of my personal interest in the task to which you have been assigned, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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[redacted] has advised the Archdiocese that he was sexually abused by Eldred Lesniewski (hereafter "Lesniewski"), when [redacted] was a minor.

[redacted] and the Archdiocese entered into mediation to achieve reconciliation and restoration, to address issues of concern to both sides, to further prevent sexual abuse of minors and to enhance Church practices in this regard, and to otherwise resolve and settle all disputes between them.

Accordingly, the parties to this Agreement wish to resolve and satisfy all claims of any nature that [redacted] has against the Archdiocese, and all of the Archdiocese's employees, agents, officers, directors, affiliates, insurers and assigns, including, without limitation, all members of the Roman Catholic clergy and all parishes, schools, and religious orders, and any person or entity affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church in the territory of the Archdiocese, arising from any sexual abuse of [redacted] by Lesniewski without the necessity of further proceedings or expense of any nature, and all parties wish to generally release one another from all liability for any claims that may exist to the date of the signing of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, any claims for sexual abuse of [redacted] by Lesniewski.

So, in consideration of the mutual promises made here, and other valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties to this Agreement agree as follows:

1. The Archdiocese agrees to provide [redacted] with $50,000. These funds shall be used at [redacted] own discretion.

2. The Archdiocese agrees to provide [redacted] with $45,000 for past, present, and future costs for therapy. [redacted] understands that the Archdiocese considers this amount full and final payment for any therapy expenses [redacted] may incur at any time in the future.

3. The Archdiocese agrees to provide [redacted] with the names of three consultants from whom he may choose someone to conduct a thorough evaluation of his current emotional, psychological, psychiatric, and social services needs. The Archdiocese further agrees to pay the expenses for this evaluation upon presentation of an invoice from the provider in an amount not to exceed $5,000. If there are any funds remaining after all bills have been submitted, the remainder will be given to [redacted]

4. If [redacted] desires a meeting with the Archbishop of Milwaukee at some time in the future, he will contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee who will assist with scheduling such a meeting.

5. [redacted] and the Archdiocese will each bear their own costs and any attorney's fees associated with the Agreement, and there will be no payment to [redacted] other than that specifically enumerated above.

6. In return for the payment set out above, and for the mutual promises contained herein, [redacted] releases and forever discharges the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and all of the Archdiocese's employees, agents, officers, directors, affiliates, insurers and assigns, including, without limitation, all members of the Roman Catholic clergy, and all parishes, schools, and religious orders, and any person or entity affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church in the territory of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee from, and covenants not to sue

them for, all claims, causes of action, charges, and demands, whether in tort, contract, or otherwise, of any nature that he may have had at any time up to and including the date of signing of this Agreement, including, without limitation, any claim of any nature arising from any assault, injury, whether physical or mental, or any other activity by Lesniewski.

7. The Archdiocese hereby releases and forever discharges [redacted] from all claims, demands, and causes of action of any nature that were in existence up to and including the date of the signing of this Agreement.

8. This Agreement supersedes all prior understandings and agreements between the parties, and constitutes the full agreement of the parties. No change to this Agreement shall be enforced against any party unless it is in writing signed by both parties.

9. The undersigned represent and warrant that each has read the foregoing Agreement; had an opportunity to discuss it with a lawyer; and fully understands its terms; voluntarily, freely, and without coercion signs the Agreement; and that Dr. Barbara Anne Cusack is an authorized representative of the Archdiocese and is duly authorized to execute this Agreement and Mutual Release. Since both sides have had an opportunity to review this instrument with a lawyer of his or its choosing, in the event this instrument needs to be construed, it shall be construed and understood as it is written and without regard or preference as to which party served as the drafter of the same.

[redacted]

Jan. 9, 06
Date

Archdiocese of Milwaukee
by: Dr. Barbara Anne Cusack

1-13-06
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2. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee agrees to provide payment for counseling for [redacted] to address issues resulting from this abuse. The Archdiocese shall make payments to the counselor for reasonable costs, billed at the counselor's usual and customary rate. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, the Archdiocese's therapy payments owed under this provision shall be based upon treatment plans submitted by [redacted] and his counselor. This payment for treatment shall continue for five (5) years, through June 30, 2010, at which time it will be reviewed for possible renewal by the Archdiocese.

3. The Archdiocese recognizes [redacted] desire to support renewed faith by helping others with similar backgrounds. The Archdiocese agrees to inform Amy Peterson, Victim Assistance Coordinator, of [redacted] desire and interest in assisting this work.

4. The Archdiocese agrees to provide [redacted] with $60,000 in reimbursement for past medical and therapy expenses incurred as a result of injuries inflicted by Lesniewski.

5. The Archdiocese agrees to provide [redacted] with $40,000. These funds shall be used at [redacted] own discretion.

6. The total of all funds to [redacted] shall total $100,000 as delineated in *paragraphs 4 and 5.*

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[redacted]

June 17 2005
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Archdiocese of Milwaukee
by: Dr. Barbara Anne Cusack

6-20-05
Date

Select Lesniewski Sexual Abuse Intake Reports

7/23/06 Sexual Abuse Intake Report from a survivor of abuse by Lesniewski who reports that Lesniewski abused him in 1964-1966 when he was 11-13 years old at St. Joseph's Orphanage. Lesniewski touched the survivor's penis and scrotum on several occasions. His step-brother was also abused.

4/10/10 Sexual Abuse Intake Report from a survivor of abuse by Lesniewski who reports that Lesniewski abused him in 1961-1964, beginning when he was 11 years old at St. Joseph's Orphanage. Lesniewski wrestled with him and fondled him over and under his clothes on approximately five occasions.